

II. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Implementation Agreement are to:

- Clarify the respective roles of the Federal agencies, the State of Nevada, local governments throughout Nevada, and interested parties in order that they might work together effectively to implement the Act;
- Effectively involve the State of Nevada, local governments, and interested parties in the process of assembling the recommendation;
- Encourage the Federal agencies to act consistently in their efforts to acquire environmentally sensitive land or interests in land, and make other authorized expenditures; and
- Encourage the expenditure of the Special Account in a manner that is consistent with the intent of the Act, and that produces tangible results.

III. ORGANIZATION, RESPONSIBILITIES AND RELATIONSHIPS

Secretary, United States Department of the Interior

The Secretary of the Interior is charged with implementation of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act of 1998. In September 2000, the Secretary assigned the responsibility for implementing the Act to the Bureau of Land Management. The Secretary has maintained approval authority over the expenditure of the Special Account. However, the Secretary may, at his or her discretion, delegate this approval authority to others.

Bureau of Land Management-Las Vegas Field Office (LVFO) Division of Land Sales and Acquisitions

The BLM established the Las Vegas Field Office Division of Land Sales and Acquisitions to manage implementation of the Act. The role of this Division regarding disposals, acquisitions and other expenditures is to:

- Coordinate land disposal activities with the unit of local government.
- Promote collaboration among the Federal agencies in identifying properties and projects with the greatest public benefit, regardless of agency jurisdiction;
- Facilitate the development, continuous improvement, and implementation of procedures and guidelines for nominating expenditures for land acquisitions, capital improvements, etc., and prepare the recommendation package for Secretarial approval;